

THE 3RD ANNUAL SUMMIT ON ENDING HOMELESSNESS

BUILDING A FOUNDATION FOR SUCCESS



October 16-17, 2008

AGENDA

Day One - Thursday, October 16

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast and Registration
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Philip Mangano – Executive Director, United States Interagency Council on Homelessness & State Agency Directors
10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Break
10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Breakout Sessions
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch – Drawing for Two NAEH Tickets
1:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	Breakout Sessions
3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Refreshments in Hospitality Area
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Breakout Sessions
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	State Regional Reps, DHS Reps, & State Partners Dinner

Day Two - Friday, October 17

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast and Registration
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Plenary – Jamie Van Leeuwen – Project Manager, Denver's Road Home Entertainment – Men of Grace
10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Break
10:45 a.m. – Noon	Regional Meetings Announce MSHDA Fall Funding Initiatives
12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch – Drawing for Two NAEH Tickets Entertainment – Men of Grace Carla Javits Award Presentation Raffle Drawing – Gift Baskets

Session Descriptions

1. Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) & Homeless Assistance Recovery Programs (HARP) (offered twice)

Would you like to know how to build and fund effective housing teams to create success in both the TBRA and HARP programs? This presentation will review the need for key team positions, their roles and how to work together to ensure both solid operations and effective delivery of support services. The presentation will also describe resources to overcome funding shortfalls, such as creative ways to run case manager to tenant ratios and a support services model design that works with Housing First methods that serve the chronically homeless and substance abusing populations.

Presenters: Stacey Varela and Jennifer Stewart – West Michigan Therapy, Inc.

2. HARP Vouchers – Effective Relationship between the Lead Agency and MSHDA Housing Agent (offered twice)

Let's get the homeless into housing! This session offers tips on a tried and true approach to leasing HARP vouchers. Macomb County's Lead Agency and a Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) Housing Agent will describe effective ways to keep the waiting list, creative ways to locate homeless, use of barrier-free communication, finding resources for security deposits and first months rent, inputting HARP into Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS) and much more.

Presenters: Rachel L. Cilli – Macomb Homeless Coalition, Evette Szjana-Barry – MSHDA Housing Agent.

Moderator: Misty Authier – Salvation Army MATTS Director

3. Partnerships and Progress: Partners & Residents = Success (offered twice)

This session teaches successful permanent supportive housing through unique partnerships, by effectively collaborating persons with serious mental illness and co-occurring disorders and those experiencing chronic homelessness. Learn how these populations are being served through partnerships.

Presenters: Judy Orta – Justice in Mental Health Organizations, Maureen Moloney – Community Mental Health of Clinton, Eaton and Ingham Counties, Darrell Miller – Resident Liaison

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4. Accomplishing Collaboration in Rural Michigan

(offered once)

Do you want to know how rural communities can gather resources to build awareness and support to embrace the practices, projects and programs in a Housing First philosophy? How do you identify partners, champions and engage community resources? This session will share projects and activities that build partnerships and collaborations and will provide examples of outcomes and successes in multiple rural counties and in a single rural county.

This session is only being offered once so make sure to catch it the first-time around!

Presenters: Susan Bowen – NEMCSA/Alpena, Charlie Mahoney – Four-M Associates, Stephanie Kasprzak – Executive Director, Monroe County Opportunity Program, Sandie Pierce – Coordinator, Monroe County Continuum of Care

5. Finding Funding for Services

(offered twice)

The Joint Integrated Funding (JIF) project has close to \$1,000,000 right now to support Housing First initiatives! Take the opportunity through this session to learn how to work as a community to find dollars for supportive services through JIF. This session will teach you how to create a “task force” to get it done, so don’t miss out on this great chance – it is being offered twice at the Summit.

Presenter: Chuck Kieffer – Washtenaw Housing Alliance and panel

6. Homeless Identification

(offered twice)

Are you interested in learning about practical, economical ways to provide identification to people that are homeless? Hear from experts on using “Scan Point” which is ID recognized by the Michigan Secretary of State. The information provided in this session will be very useful to those working to help homeless individuals/families when applying for a HARP voucher.

Presenters: Kathy Arndt and Ron Holt – Friendship Shelter, Genola Ekanem – HMIS Supervisor, Peggy Pertner – Housing Choice Voucher Resource Specialist, Barbara Ritter – MSHMIS Project Director

7. Using HMIS Data to Communicate with your Community

(offered once)

You have all this data, now what do you do with it? Come and hear how two CoCs use their data to tell the story of homelessness in their communities and how you can do it too!

Presenters: Chuck Steinberg – city of Lansing, Jill Shoemaker – Community Housing Network, Inc.

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8. Supportive Employment - Peer Support through Employment

(offered once)

This session provides valuable ideas on housing and employment opportunities. A few examples include a food program offering catered sandwiches/lunch items and working with Meals on Wheels. Join the session to learn more ideas for employment.

Presenter: Susan Hornfeld – Michigan Ability Partners

9. Ready for Work

(offered once)

Interested in helping increase employability for the homeless? Grace Centers of Hope is considered one of the leading faith-based organizations in southeastern Michigan, confronting daily issues of homelessness, addiction, poverty and spiritual emptiness. Join the session to learn about a program they have created which combines program effectiveness along with employment training opportunities for participants while they attend college or vocational school and mentor residents in their Life Skills Program.

Presenter: Darin Weiss – Grace Centers of Hope, Pontiac

10. State Resources Available for Employment Support

(offered once)

Review of the Department of Labor & Economic Growth's Bureau of Workforce Development re-organization. Learn what the re-organization means to the communities, and get a description of the various employment programs, including No Worker Left Behind, Job Education and Training (JET), Road Construction Apprenticeship Readiness Program (RCAR) and others.

Presenters: To be Announced

11. Creating Successful Partnerships in Supportive Housing Developments

(offered twice)

Supportive housing is all about partnerships! In this session, you will learn about the importance of partnerships and how to effectively structure them between developers, property management companies and supportive service providers. Learn first hand from the various partners their respective roles and responsibilities.

Presenters: Marvin Veltkamp – Owner, Trilogy Development & CEO, Medallion Management, Mark Wester – President, Medallion Management

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12. Jail Discharge

(offered twice)

12:01 Discharge Planning: A working plan using the partnerships and collaboration of local agencies to end homelessness from individuals exiting the local jail.

Presenters: Linda Spencer – Coordinator, Shiawassee County Community Corrections, Lt. Doug Powell – Jail Administrator, Shiawassee County, Rebecca Zemla – Center Coordinator, Capital Area Community Services, Shiawassee County

13. Cass County Navigators

(offered once)

The sheriff/jail commander will explain why they took a chance on a new, unknown program. Ex-offenders will describe their involvement in the Cass County Navigators program and how it impacted their ability to find housing and stay in recovery. Learn about Navigators impact on ending homelessness and how to replicate it in your community at little-to-no-cost.

Panelists: Capt. Richard Affriseo – Jail Commander, Cass County Sheriff's Dept., Felicia Martin – Navigator Program Participant, Laura Walker – Navigator Program Participant, Diane Bailey – Navigator Volunteer

Moderator: Ruth Andrews – Staff, Cass County Human Services Coordinating Council

14. Meeting the Housing Needs of Returning Prisoners and their Families: Challenges and Successes under MPRI (offered once)

The session will provide attendees with background information on the Michigan Prisoner Re-Entry Initiative, its vision and mission, partnerships that have been developed at the state and local levels and describe the local governance structure which determines how MPRI is implemented in 18 local sites across Michigan. The session will address the special challenges facing prisoners and their families in obtaining safe and affordable housing, and will focus on strategies used in two MPRI sites to successfully overcome these challenges and will discuss barriers which remain.

Presenters: Mary King (Unconfirmed) – Community Coordinator Washtenaw County MPRI, Lesia Pikaart – Community Coordinator Jackson-Hillsdale-Lenawee MPRI, James C. Yarborough – Executive Planning Liaison, Planning and Community Development Administration, Michigan Department of Corrections

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15. Homeless Consumer Panel Discussion

(offered once)

This popular session always proves to be valuable for a wide variety of attendees. We honor those consumers willing to participate for their courage and candor. Their comments on their experiences that lead to homelessness and their journey out of homelessness can prove to be very useful.

Panel Discussion Conducted by: Katie Donovan – Member, Michigan Homeless Assistance Advisory Board

16. Telling Your Story with Video on a Shoestring Budget

(offered once)

This session helps you prepare and organize your video storytelling project. This session assumes you have already found a resource (professional or amateur) to assist you with the collection of video images. Attendees will walk away with tools on how to pre-plan and organize a project, suggestions on techniques for the off-camera interviewer, advice on gathering additional images and background video and tools for preparing your project for editing.

Session Presented by: Katie Donovan – Donovan & Smith, Marketing and Media, Inc.

17. Successful Partnerships in Creating Supportive Housing

(offered once)

You've probably heard of the Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP), but how does it really affect your work as a service provider? Come and learn about the new QAP, how it can play an important role in housing individuals and families experiencing homelessness, and the role your service agency can play.

Presenters: Christine Miller and Sally Harrison – MSHDA, Lindsey Bishop – Corporation for Supportive Housing

18. Financing Supportive Housing Development – The Big and Little Deals

(offered once)

Developers of both small and large scale projects will explain the various funding sources used to complete supportive housing developments during this session. So if you want to learn about the various funding sources used in permanent supportive housing developments, this session is for you, so don't miss out!

Presenters: To be announced

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19. Capacity for Change: How Collaborative Partnerships are Impacting Detroit's 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness (offered once)

The Homeless Action Network of Detroit (HAND) and the Corporation for Supportive Housing will present on their unique partnership funded by the McGregor Fund to build the capacity and infrastructure of HAND, the Continuum of Care in Detroit. Additionally, this workshop will also present on the partners within the Collaborative to End Homelessness Together in Detroit, a group of public, private and nonprofit entities that have had successes in partnering to provide funding opportunities in the development of permanent supportive housing.

Presenters: Amanda Sternberg – HAND, Beverley Ebersold – CSH, Walt Watkins – City Connect

20. Community Investment through the United Way (offered once)

Come and hear how local branches of the United Way are partnering with communities to develop new and innovative methods for funding and supporting programs to serve the homeless.

Presenters: Debra Usher – Vice President, Basic Needs United Way for Southeastern Michigan, Christine Robere – President, United Way of the Lakeshore, Scott Dzurka – President/CEO, Michigan Association of United Ways

21. From Sheltering to Housing First (offered once)

The Neighborhood Service Organization (NSO) in Detroit is a 24/7 walk in center. The NSO is in the midst of a major transition from primarily providing respite care for approximately 300 (summer) and 1000 (winter) homeless individuals to a “Housing First” approach with an emphasis on permanent supportive housing. Indicative of this change the walk in center has changed its name to the “Tumaini Center,” a Swahili word meaning belief and hope. The core of this presentation will be the steps taken, progress made and challenges faced as this transition unfolds at the Tumaini Center.

Presenters: LaNeice Jones, Vice President of Programs, Dave Allen, Program Director of Housing Services, Joey Merchant, Mental Health Case Manager, Denise Welch, Housing Specialist – Tumani Center

Moderator: Paulette Smith – MSHDA Homeless Assistant Specialist

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22. Local Tax Dollars Committed by Local Units of Government to End Homelessness (offered once)

The Local Housing Assistance Fund (LHAF) provides real life solutions by providing vouchers, homeless prevention supports, leverage matching opportunities and long term sustainability support through the use of local tax dollars. Success is measured in many ways - to date, we have had 12 graduates of the program. Stop in and allow us to share! We want to hear your questions, comments and concerns.

Presenters: David P. Artley – Director, Office of Resource Development Kalamazoo County, David Anderson – Chair, Kalamazoo County Public Housing Commission

23. Creating Housing Resource Centers

(offered once)

Would a one-stop-shop further Housing First in your community? Community Housing Network will provide an overview of Housing Resource Centers in Oakland and Macomb Counties. Lapeer County Housing Resource Center will provide an overview of their services, including those offered to local landlords. These agencies will discuss recently received Community Mental Health Adult Block Grants to expand outreach and treatment services to persons who are homeless and have a mental illness. Don't miss this informative session!

Presenters: To be Announced

24. How Much Does it Cost to be Homeless?

(offered once)

Come and hear how two communities are analyzing the cost of homelessness in their communities. Kalamazoo and Muskegon have developed innovative and creative ways to analyze their data to determine the cost burden of homelessness and how supportive housing is saving money for those communities. They will share their process, analysis and next steps in engaging others in understanding the cost benefits to ending homelessness.

Speakers: Stacey Vandenberg – Deputy Director, West Michigan Therapy, Inc., Molly Petersen – Associate Director, Housing Resources, Inc.